

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 17-42, 46-56, 59-67 are pending. Independent Claims 1, 24, 40, and 56 are amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims previously indicated as containing allowable subject matter. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and allow the application based on these amendments and remarks contained herein.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has indicated that claims 68-71 contain allowable subject matter and would be in condition for allowance if drafted in independent form. Accordingly, the subject matter of claims 69-71 together with any applicable intervening claims has been incorporated into independent claims 1, 24, 40 and 56. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the independent claims are now allowable, and that the claims dependent thereon are also allowable.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication

will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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